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RESPONSE AFTER RCE FILING

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Sir:

The following is presented in response to the Communication mailed June 8, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned patent application, which granted applicant's request for a three month suspension of action.

Attached hereto are drawings prepared on 23 June 2000 (labeled Exhibits A-F) from which a prototype was built in accordance with the invention claimed in the above-captioned patent application. The prototype shown in these drawings was successfully tested on July 3, 2000, prior to November 21, 2001, date for which the Schlecht et al. patent is usable as a reference. Since the Schlecht et al. patent is not claiming the same invention as the present application, establishment of an earlier invention date for purposes of removing the Schlecht et al. patent as reference is permissible.

That these drawings demonstrate that the prototype contained all of the features of the present invention can be seen from the following copy of claim 1 of the above-captioned patent application into which the element number (or location description) and letter of the Exhibit in which the element appears has been inserted in parentheses:

1. Roof module (Exhibits A & C) for closing an opening in a roof of a motor vehicle that extends transversely between two lateral roof elements (shown in broken lines in Exhibit B) and in a lengthwise direction between a front roof element (shown in broken lines at left end of Section X2653.8 in Exhibit C) and a rear roof element (shown in broken lines at left end of Section X2573.9 in Exhibit C), and the lateral roof elements, the front roof element and the rear roof element each having a peripheral rabbet (Exhibits B & C) on edges thereof which border the opening, the roof module comprising:

- a glass pane (01 in Exhibits E & F) adapted for permanent connection directly to the peripheral rabbets which border the opening (an adhesive bead being shown attaching the glass pane to the rabbets, e.g., in Section YO Avant in Exhibit F),
- a darkening device (13 in Section YO in Exhibits E & F) which is deployable parallel to an inside surface of the glass pane,
- guide means (shown to the right of vertical line Y-400 in Exhibit B) for guiding the darkening device, the guide means being permanently mounted directly on the inside surface of the glass pane along each of opposite side edges of the glass pane, the guide means interacting with edges of the darkening device,
- a support brace (12 shown near the right end in Exhibit A, in Section Y-31.9 of Exhibit D and in section YO of Exhibit F) mounted on the inside surface along one of front and rear transverse edges of the glass pane, the support brace having a motor drive (90 in Section YO in Exhibits E & F) for driving the darkening device.

The undersigned and the assignee have been trying to locate the inventor, who is presently not available, for purposes of having him execute a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 establishing the above facts, but have been unsuccessful to date. However, it is expected that the inventor will be located in the near future so that the Examiner is requested to continue to

defer action on this application for as long as possible in order to provide time to obtain and file the noted declaration under 37 CFR 1.131, which declaration will necessitate removal of all rejections based upon the Schlecht et al. patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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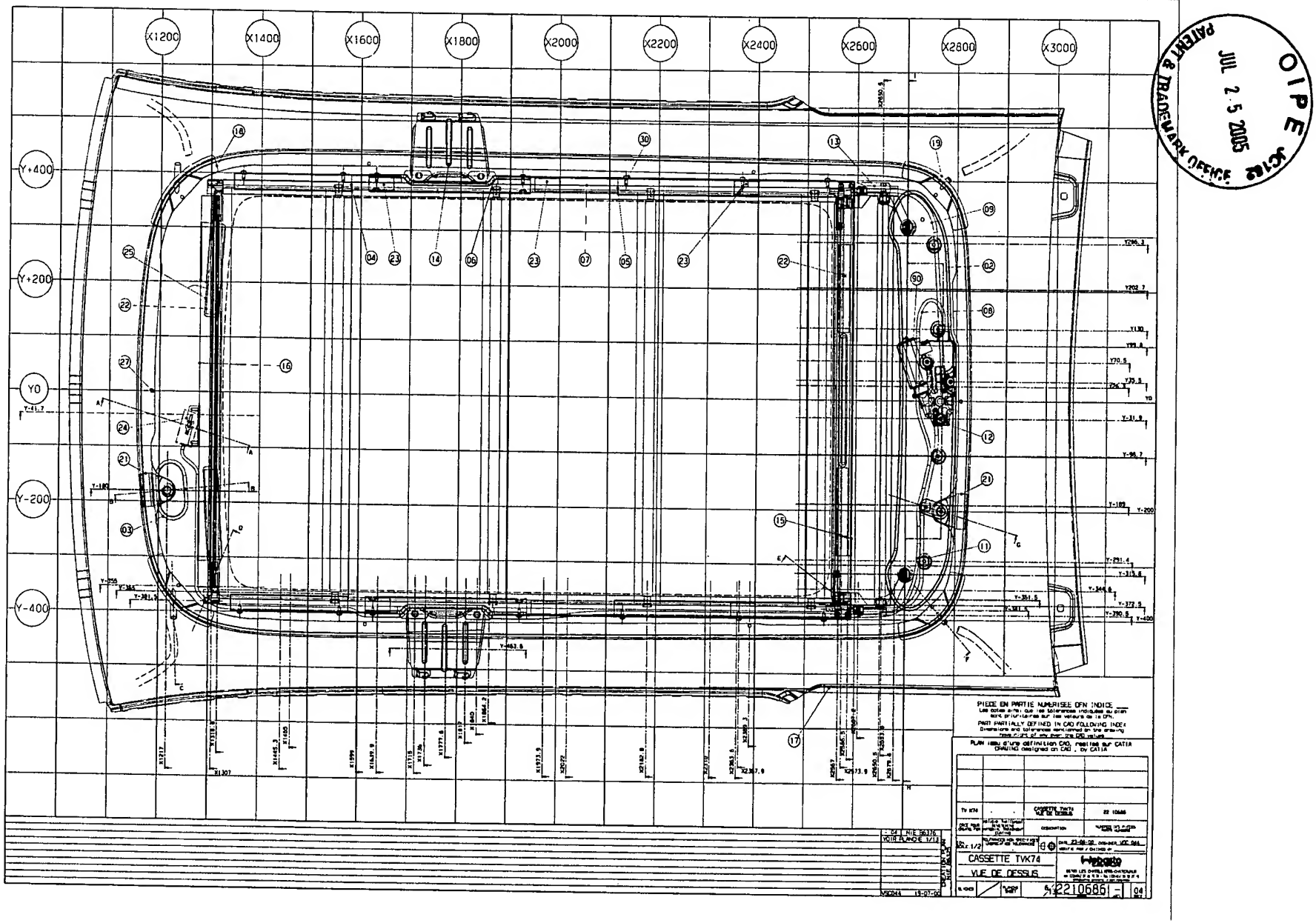

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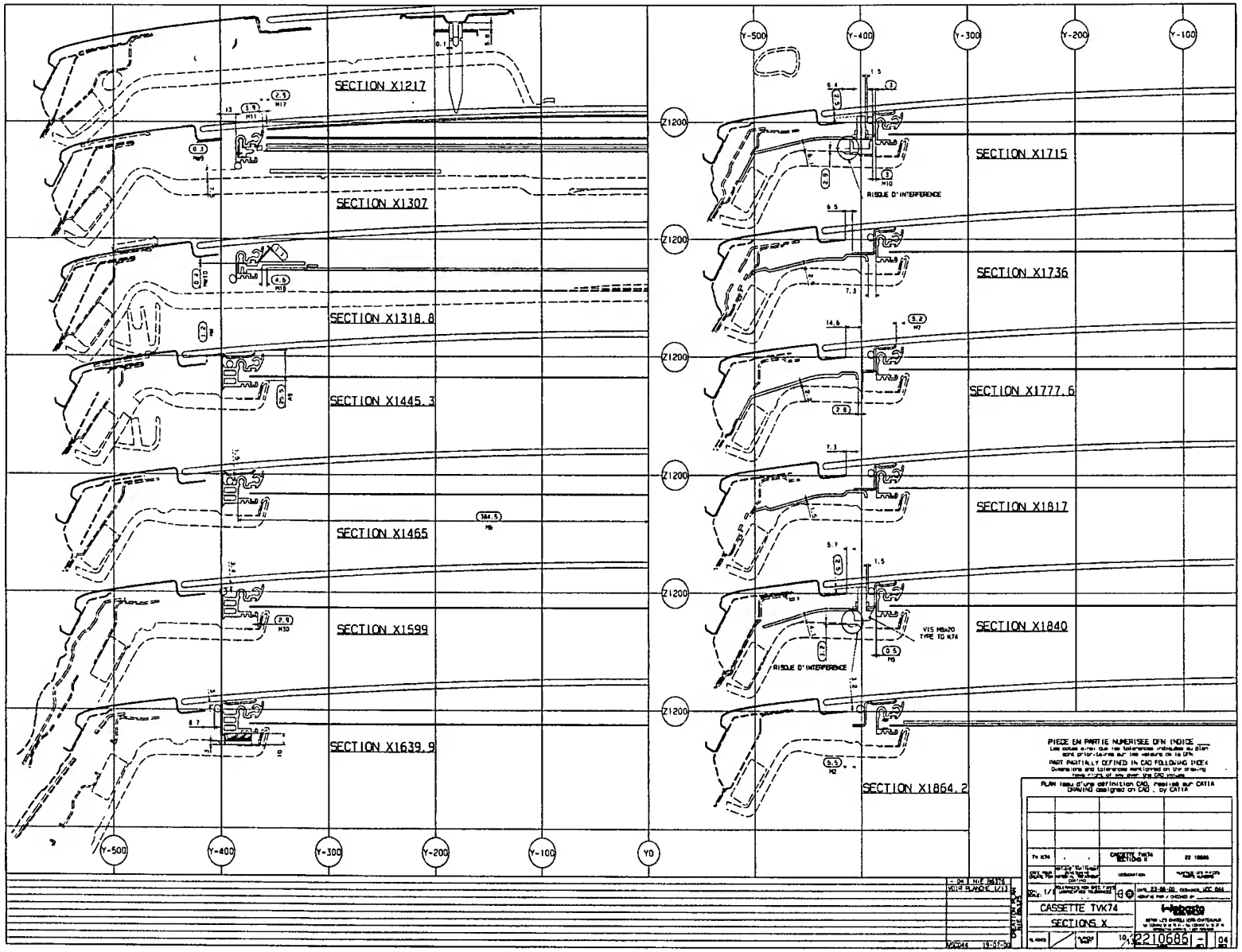
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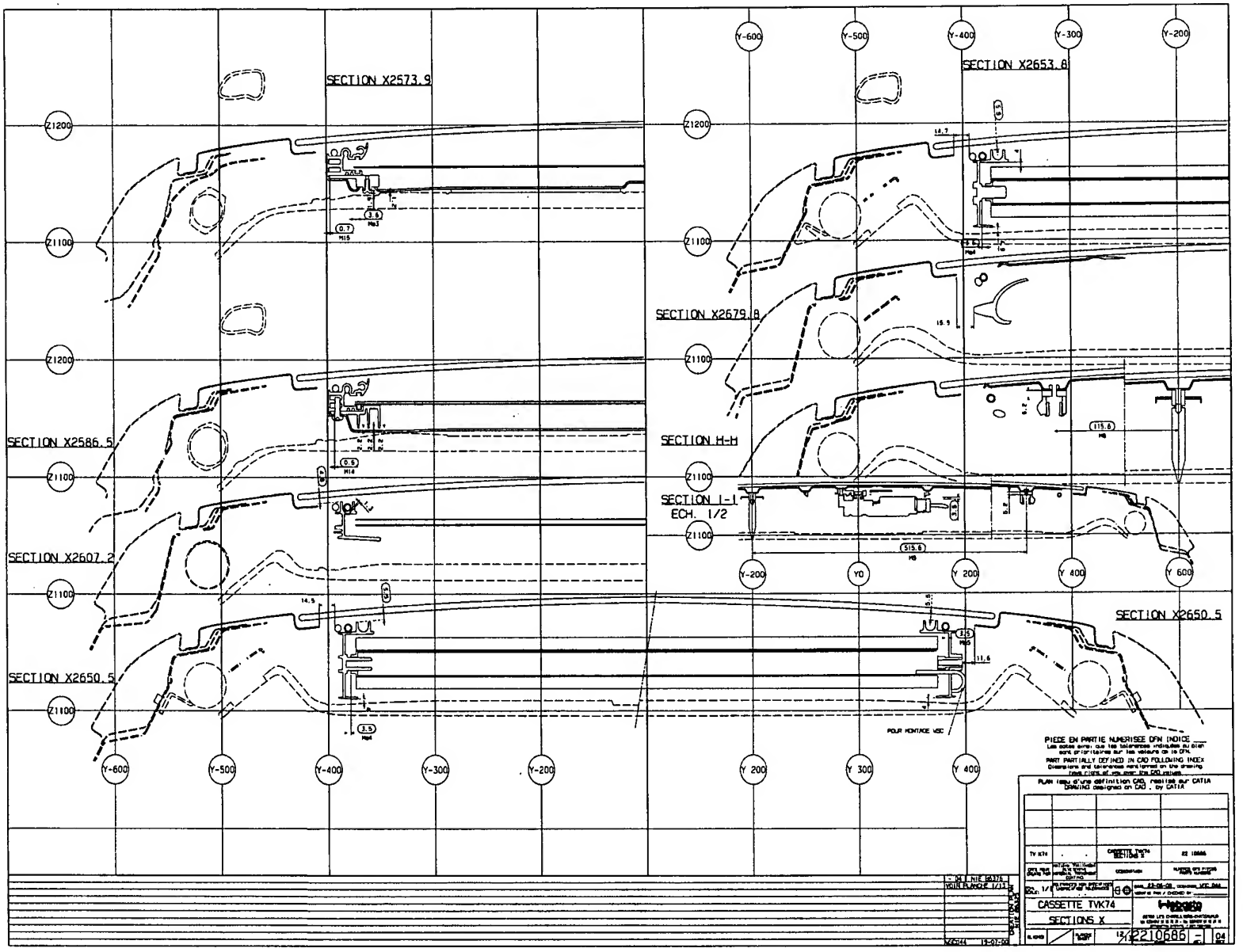
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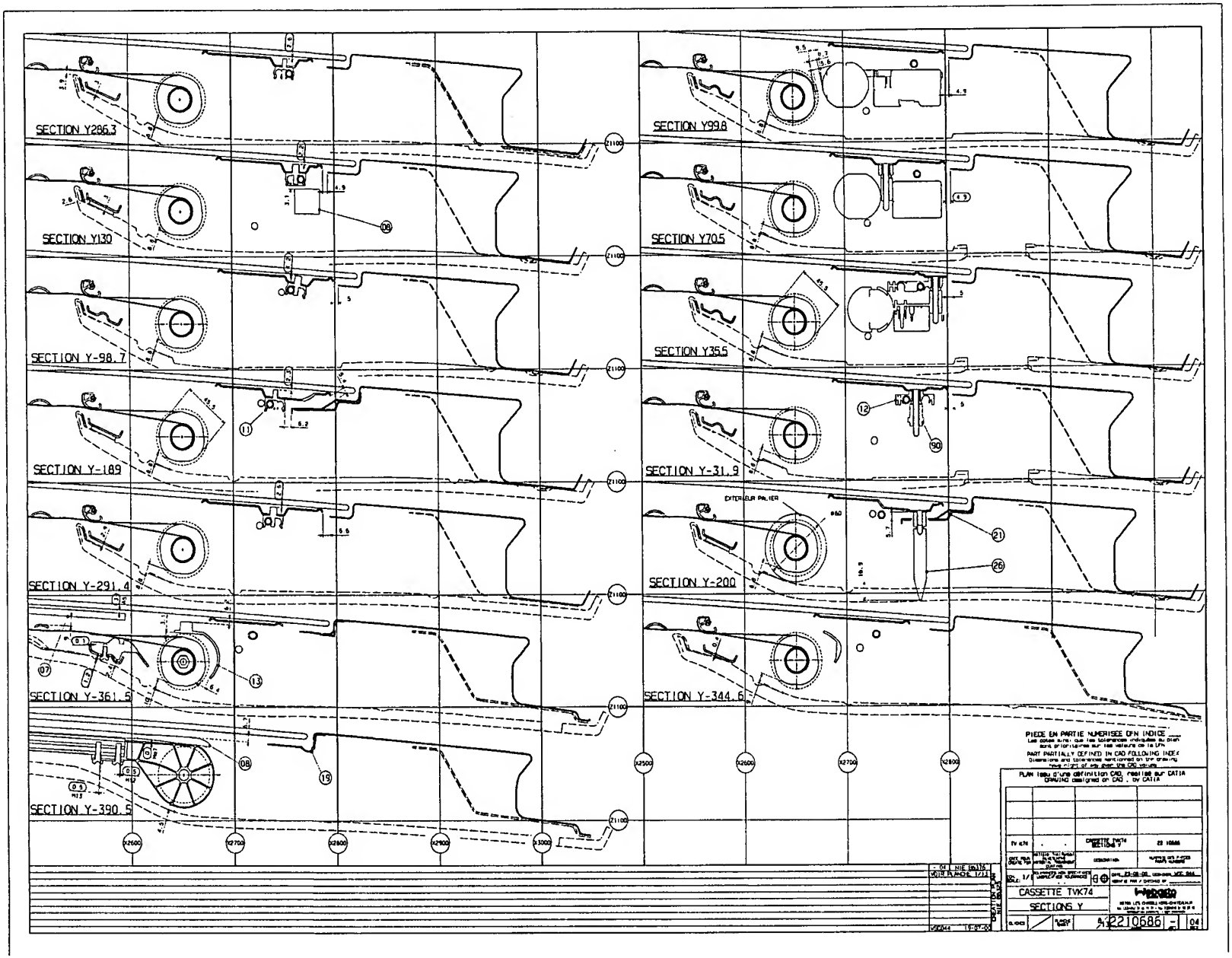
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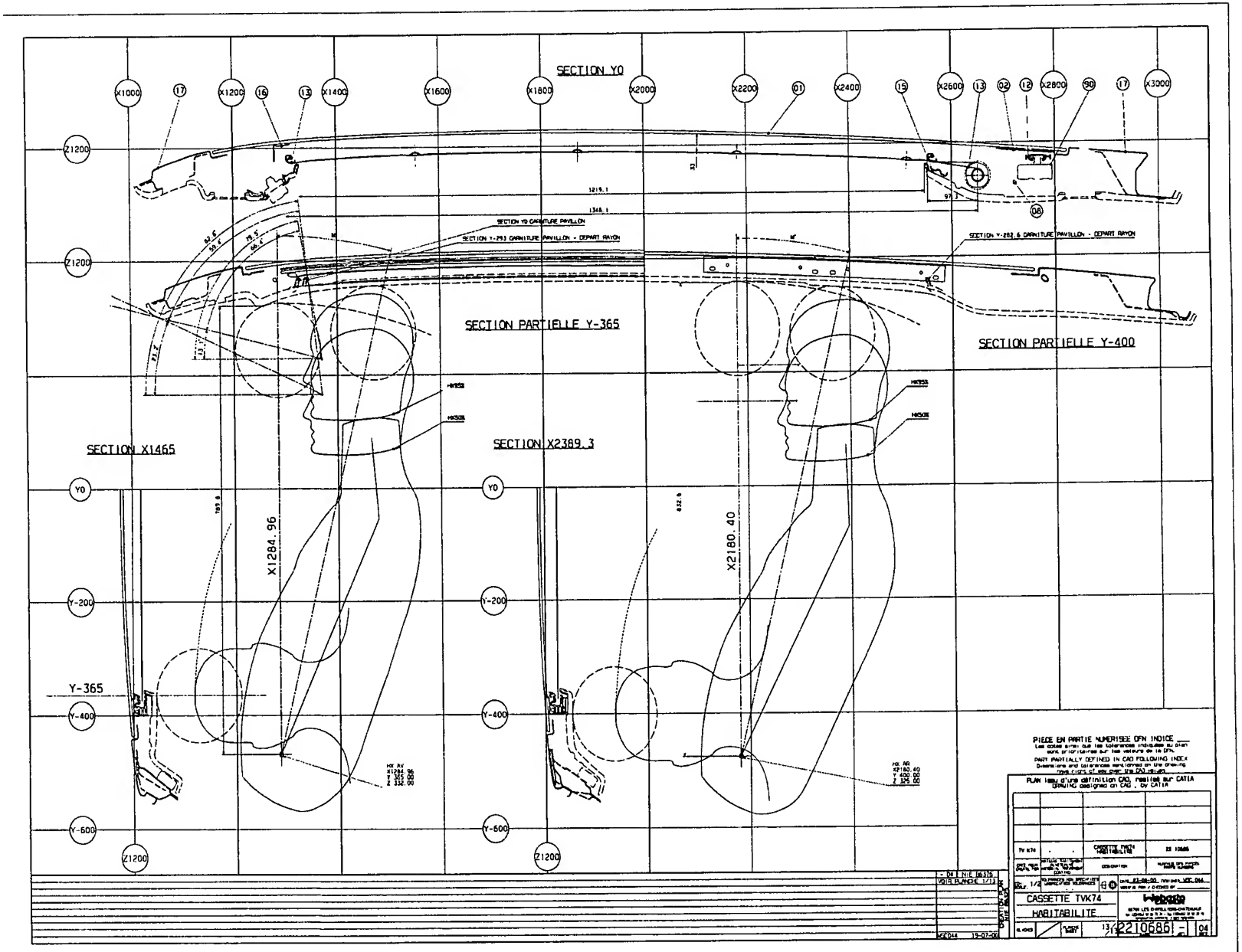
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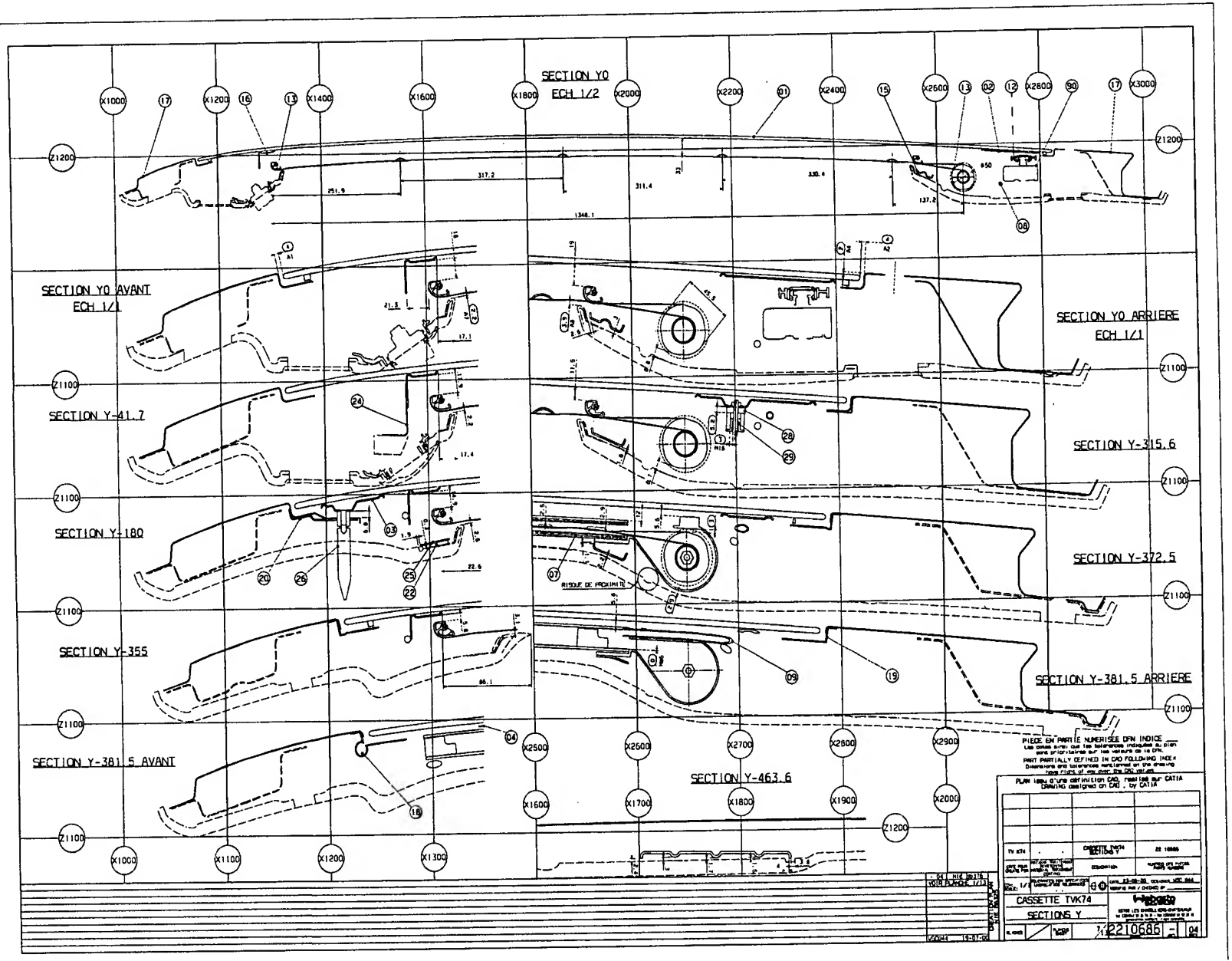
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